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Dear [redacted]

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I am writing to bring you up to date on [redacted] and his contemplated employment with your Bureau.

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He is now on duty, and, at the present time, is scheduled to leave the United States on the Exochorda on 22 March, arriving Alexandria on 7 April. I should think that would put him in Cyprus around the 10th and he should be able to start contributing something to your activities on or about the 15th.

As you may know, we have waited a very long time to get [redacted] on duty and at the last minute went to considerable trouble to avoid losing him to another branch of the agency for duty in a nearby country. Since reporting for duty, he has been somewhat of a headache. First of all, I wanted him to leave immediately by plane, which he insisted he could not possibly do. Arrangements were then made to allow him to travel by ship with his family. It then developed that he had a dependent sister, some sixty years of age, which fact had not been brought to my attention before. The Government, of course, will not pay the transportation costs for his sister, and this caused considerable unpleasantness.

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Casually, in another discussion, I learned that he contemplated living in Nicosia, which I promptly told him was practically impossible. I further advised that he should not proceed to Cyprus with this assumption, and that it would probably be mandatory that he live in the [redacted] area.

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In arranging his training here prior to his departure, [redacted] asked him to work nights. He was most reluctant to work nights, stating that working nights made him nervous and that he could not sleep daytime. This prompted me to have a session with him which I have just completed, it being more than obvious to anyone the bulk of his work on Cyprus would be performed at night.

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I have made it very clear to [ ] that this organization is not the same one which he worked for several years ago; that people now must play as a part of the team and that we will not tolerate employees picking and choosing their types of work and the hours during which they will perform.

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First of all, I directed that he should report to [ ] for further training at whatever times of the day [ ] saw fit to train him. I then advised him of his schedule for proceeding to Cyprus. I also advised him again that it would probably be mandatory that he live in the [ ] area in Cyprus, that the bulk of his work would, in all probability, be at night, and that he would do whatever you told him to do whenever you wanted him to do it.

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I then advised him that if he was not in complete accord with my ideas and desires I would not send him to Cyprus at all. [ ] attitude then changed completely and he appeared more than anxious to cooperate in every possible way, hence his schedule remains as I outlined above.

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I am not writing this letter to prejudice you against [ ] to any extent whatsoever, I merely feel that [ ] might still have some preconceived ideas of what he is going to do when he reached Cyprus and I want to assure you that no commitments have been made and that his relation to you will be no different from any other employee in your Bureau.

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I do not think that [ ] will be a problem if properly handled. He is an outstanding linguist and a very well educated man. He is particularly well qualified for the post to which he is being assigned.

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Incidentally, [ ], whom we had in mind for librarian at your Bureau, made a very miserable showing on an aptitude test which she took yesterday and I think that we have no alternative but to abandon our plans to send her to Cyprus. We will try to dig up another. In the meantime, if you find a well-qualified local applicant, I think it would be well to put her on the job.

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Sincerely,

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